

SECTION IV.KARMA MARGA,
OR
THE PATH OF ACTION.

ARJUNA said:

1. Renunciation of actions, thou praisest,
O Krishna,
and then also Yoga. Of the two which one is
the better ?
Tell me that conclusively.—(v. 1.)

SHRI BHAGAVAN said :

2. Renunciation and Yoga by action both
lead to the
highest bliss; of the two, Yoga by action is
verily better
than renunciation of action ;—(v. 2.)

For—

3. *None indeed* can *ever*, even for an
instant, remain
actionless ; for helplessly is every one driven
to action by
the energies born of nature.—(iii. 5.)

4. Perform thou right action, for action is
superior to
inaction, and, inactive, even the maintenance
of the body
would not be possible.—(iii. 8.)

5. He who on earth doth not follow the
wheel thus re-
volving, sinful of life, and rejoicing in
the ,senses> he, O
son of Pritha, liveth in vain.—(iii. 16.)

6. Therefore, without attachment,
constantly perform
action which is duty, for performing action
without attach-
ment, man verily reacheth the supreme.—(iii,
19.)

7. Better one's own Dharma, though
destitute of merit,
than the Dharma of another, well-discharged.
Better death
in the discharge of one's own Dharma; the
Dharma of
another is full of danger.—(iii. 35.)

What is Dharma ?

SHRI BHAGAVAN said:

8. The four castes were emanated by Me, by
the differ-
ent distribution of energies and actions;
know Me to be